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**DWR Awards Contract for Jones Tract Pumpout**

SACRAMENTO – The Department of Water Resources (DWR) has awarded a contract to Ford Construction Company, Inc., of Lodi to dewater Upper and Lower Jones Tracts, flooded by a Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta levee break on June 3, 2004.

Ford Construction's bid of \$3,853,000 was the lowest among six submitted last week. Pumping water off the 12,000 acre island is expected to begin as soon as the levee breach is closed, probably the first week of July.

Contract terms call for pumping to be completed by October 15, 2004, but additional time may be allotted if the volume of floodwater is higher than originally estimated.

The State has taken a proactive emergency response approach to the levee break in order to mitigate threats of future flooding and the impacts that such flooding would have on the State's water supply, transportation infrastructure, and adjacent utilities.

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The Department of Water Resources operates and maintains the State Water Project, provides dam safety and flood control and inspection services, assists local water districts in water management and water conservation planning, and plans for future statewide water needs.

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